

Director of Central Intelligence  
Security Committee  
Computer Security Subcommittee

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1. The one hundred and twenty-ninth meeting of the Computer Security Subcommittee was convened at 0930 on 7 February 1980, [redacted]  
[redacted] Those attending were:

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Mr. James Studer, Army

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Mr. Eugene Epperly, OSD  
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2. The minutes of the previous meeting (10 January) were distributed and reviewed. The minutes were accepted as written.

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3. [redacted] reported that he had attended the last SECOM meeting. It appears that they are not yet finished drafting DCID 1/11, and he feels that the resulting document will have an impact on the rewrite of DCID 1/16, which we are now undertaking. However, the chairman saw no reason we could not begin the initial steps of the rewrite. He further reported that the SECOM has suggested that the DCID 1/11 include wording to the effect that the Computer Security Subcommittee maintain liaison with the TEMPEST committee, at least in so far as it pertains to computer security. The SECOM is also discussing the establishing of an automated data base, as provided for under APEX, for keeping records of all SI-cleared persons. There is presently \$5M in the 1981 budget for acquiring the system.

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4. [redacted] presented a briefing on the APEX program as it is presently defined, also providing for review two copies of the final report of the APEX Working Group. He began by reviewing the objectives of the program, and also reviewing a little of its history (the original efforts to overhaul the compartmentation "system" date back to the Eisenhower Administration). He then outlined the generic classes of compartments, and their structure, as provided for under APEX. (These minutes will not provide the technical details of APEX, the provisions of the program are stipulated in the report [redacted] dated December 1979). There was a good deal of discussion concerning the apparent impact of the new policy, especially with regard to analysts who will need access to both operational and product compartments, since analysts are, in fact, both producers and consumers of intelligence, and may also be managing/directing collection resources. Apparently issues of this sort have yet to be completely resolved. [redacted] also discussed the various phases for implementation of

STAT the APEX program. A further point which elicited considerable discussion was the requirement for the increased effort on "sanitizing" intelligence and releasing it at standard (i.e. collateral) levels of classification. The members gave [ ] a vote of thanks for an informative briefing, and a useful discussion of its potential impacts.

5. It was announced that Mr. Gambino, the chairman of the DCI Security Committee has retired; his successor had not yet been announced.

STAT 6. Mr. Studer brought the final draft of the item on word processing system prepared by himself and [ ] It will be published as the second Computer Security News Note from the Subcommittee. The executive secretary will distribute the News Note to the membership, for further distribution as they see fit, and the chairman will present it to the SECOM at their monthly meeting. There was some further discussion of recent attention coming to bear on word processing systems, and the actions which are being taken to solve the problems associated with their use.

7. There was a brief discussion of the need for, and the problems associated with, emergency destruct capability. The difficulties of the destruction or degaussing of magnetic tapes and disks, and the destruction of bulk paper and microfiche are well known. The chairman asked about the existence of specific, formal requirements for emergency destruct capability. The ensuing discussion revealed that all that appears to exist are general statements about the need for emergency destruction of bulk materials. The discussion led to the possibility of cryptographic solutions to at least some aspect of the emergency destruct problem, primarily that of magnetic storage media. The members tentatively discussed the drafting of a formal statement of requirement to NSA.

8. [ ] reported that DIA has started the reserve group at Texas A&M on the [ ] He graciously offered to spend any "unwanted extra money" on this project.

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STAT 9. [ ] (NSA) produced an NSA document which was a translation of two foreign articles [ ] on computer security. She thought it would be of interest to the membership in that it is among the first indications of Soviet interest in computer security. Among the references are many U. S. articles and publications (including the Ware Report). NSA will provide copies at the next meeting.

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STAT 10. The next meeting was scheduled for 0930 on Thursday, 6 March 1980

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